

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State religious organizations that admirably meet the spiritual needs of local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their worship, educational, and service endeavors; and

**Whereas**, First Baptist Church of Weaubleau, Missouri, was founded on July 17, 1882, as Weaubleau Baptist Church by Elders John Robinson, J.R. Sutter, and T.J. Akins with A.A. John, Margaret E. John, B.F. Morris, James G. Hardy, John Knight, Elizabeth Jane Knight, and Mary Rogers making up the rest of the charter membership; and

**Whereas**, during its earliest years, First Baptist Church met in the Christian College building located where the Congregational Christian Church currently stands; and

**Whereas**, in 1890 the church's ninety-one members began construction of a frame building that would seat two hundred worshipers on property purchased from the John family, in 1891 the congregation began collecting funds for missions work, in 1895 an ordination of deacons was held, and in 1898 a Sunday School program was initiated; and

**Whereas**, in keeping with the norms and expectations of society at the time, First Baptist Church publically censured members who were absent from worship without good reason or who were accused of lying, swearing, drinking, dancing, immoral conduct, or taking part in carnival games; and

**Whereas**, First Baptist Church has been involved in the support of missions since its founding, and in 1905 thirty members of the church moved with their families to Oklahoma in order to organize a church; and

**Whereas**, First Baptist Church has continued to be a vital force in Weaubleau and its environs through the addition of special programs, the holding of successful revivals, and the improvement of its facilities down through the years; and

**Whereas**, now on the eve of the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its establishment, First Baptist Church is admirably guided by the Reverend Jimmie D. Stewart:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Weaubleau First Baptist Church and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations as they celebrate the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of their religious institution; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of First Baptist Church of Weaubleau, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry D. Wilson  
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker